

ARMY AND NAVY NOTES

An Important Step Toward Preparedness for War.

(From The Tribune Bureau.)

Washington, February 15.

RESERVE SUPPLY FOR ARMY.—A special board of army officers is in session in the War Department to discuss the details of one of the most important projects undertaken by the military authorities, the establishment of a reserve supply of munitions of war sufficient to equip an extraordinary armed force of 200,000 men and maintain it in the field for a period of at least twelve months. A part of these supplies has already been accumulated, including ordnance material, medical and hospital supplies, clothing, tentage and emergency rations.

It is proposed to include only such articles as cannot readily be acquired in open market in time of war. The establishment of such a reserve stock marks an important step toward preparedness for war. Major General Leonard Wood, Chief of Staff of the army, is behind the movement and is responsible for the convening of the board, of which Brigadier General W. W. Wotherspoon, the head of the Army War College, is president. The membership includes General Alesi, quartermaster general, and representatives of the quartermaster, subsistence, medical and ordnance branches.

The supplies will be acquired as rapidly as funds become available and in a way not to interfere with the maintenance of the army and the organized militia. The stock will be carried at army field supply depots at Philadelphia, Jeffersonville, Ind.; St. Louis, Omaha and San Francisco. These places have been selected because there are now at those cities quartermaster depots which will receive and store the reserve material.

Besides, they possess good railroad connections, enabling the transfer of war material to various sections where troops or augmented army units may be organized or mustered out when the time will take place. For this purpose, the War Department has divided the country into sections and adopted a scheme of transportation which makes possible the delivery of supplies in the least possible time. The present work of the army board is devoted to a selection of the kinds of supplies which must be carried in stock.

ORDERS ISSUED.—The following orders have been issued:

ARMY.—Brigadier General G. E. DAVIS, judge advocate general, placed upon retired list with rank of major general.

Major General LEONARD WOOD, quartermaster to Walter Reed General Hospital, the District of Columbia.

Captain ERBERT T. CLAYTON, quartermaster to Washington, for examination

for promotion to captain, U. S. Long coast artillery, from 8th Cavalry.

FIRST CAVALRY.—Captain JOSEPH CASPER, medical corps, remains on duty at Fort Slocum until return of Captain J. C. H. H. Casper, commanding company, to his former station.

Dental Surgeon HAROLD O. SCOTT, upon expiration of his term of absence, to general hospital, President of San Francisco, for duty until April 8, thence to the Philippines.

Leaves for Germany: First Lieutenant ENRICO J. PIKE, 10th Cavalry, and Captain HARVEY H. PATTISON, 26th Cavalry, four months; Captain WILLIAM H. MONK, chief medical corps, one month.

NAVY.

Commander R. WELLER, to duty as member of the board of inspection and survey for ships, Navy Department.

Pilot Officer B. MARTIN, detached duty as general inspector, pay corps, to navy yard, Washington.

Paymaster A. MERRITT, detached navy yard, Washington; to temporary duty Bureau of Supplies and Accounts, Navy Department.

Paymaster's Clerk W. J. FARQUHAR, appointed, duty naval yard, Washington, reported.

MOVEMENTS OF WARSHIPS.—The following movements of vessels have been reported to the Navy Department:

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Feb. 13.—The Princeton at Corinto.

Feb. 14.—The Long and the Tinge, at Charleston; the Rocket, at Indian Haven; the Leonidas, at Key West; and the New York, the Brumus, at Hampton Roads; the Saturn, at San Diego.

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